Information Service

has been initiated to operationalise a national marine remote sensing information service (MARSIS) to operate from five centres including space Application Centre, Ahmedabad, NIO, Goa and CMFRI, Cochin, on the west coast for dissemination of ocean data including potential fishery zones for the benefit of the fishermen.

(vi) Monitoring and Modelling of Sea Level Variation

In order to measure the mean sea level accurately a digital tide gauge is developed in 1991. Action is in progress to establish two modern tied gauge stations at Mormugoa and Bombay on the west coast in addition to 10 more locations in the other parts of the Indian coastline.

(c) Yes, Sir,

(d) The proposals for new programmes would be included in the VIII Five Year Plan, which is yet to be finalised.

[*Translation*]

Levy On Rice

6643. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have issued orders tc State Government to impose levy on the rice traders in their respective States;

(b) if so, the names of the States which are not following these orders and the reasons there for?

(c) whether the Government of Maharashtra is following the orders of Union Government in regard to imposing levy on rice traders and if not, the reasons therefor,and

(d)whether this would not have an adverse effect on the recovery of levy in Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) In accordance with the powers delegated under Section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955, various State Governments/Union Territories have imposed levy on rice by promulgating the levy Orders with Prior concurrence of the Central government.

(b)Bihar has not issued levy orders. The reasons for not doing so have not been intimated by the State Government. Government of Bihar has, however been requested to impose levy for the forth coming marketing season.

(c) Yes, Sir

(d) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Centre For Electronics Design and Technology

6644. SHRI E. AHAMED: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Centre for Electronics Design and Technology Centres in the country;